

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Eighth Town Council of Highland
Monday, June 3, 2013**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Eighth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, June 3, 2013** at the time of 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Bernie Zemen, Mark Herak, Konnie Kuiper and Brian Novak were present. Councilor Vassar arrived at 7:30 p.m. owing to a personal commitment. A quorum was attained. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Katy Dowling was present to memorialize the proceedings.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council President discussed a recent request from the Lake County Surveyor asking that the Town of Highland make a monetary contribution to assist with the generation of an aerial map of the Town of Highland. A discussion took place between and among the council as to the cost and benefits of possessing an updated aerial map. The Town Council President asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for Monday, June 24, 2013, subject to the identification of a funding mechanism.
2. The Town Council President reviewed a request from Shawn Pettit on behalf of Lamar Advertising to construct a digital sign on the north side of the Public Works Facility near Interstate 80/94, on town property. A discussion ensued between and among the council as to past practice for similar requests, lease/rent payments from the providers, and the potential of liability of approving these type of requests on a case-by-case basis.
3. The Town Council discussed delivery of the new garbage and recycling containers.
4. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer presented information related to the Patient Protection & Affordable Healthcare Act and upcoming changes that will become effective on January 1, 2014. It was noted that current members of the workforce that work an annual average of 30 hours per week must be offered health insurance.
5. Councilor Herak reviewed a request to close Highway Avenue between Kennedy and 4th Street, immediately following the 4th of July Parade, to allow the patrons of the downtown bars and restaurants to socialize and bring food and into the cordoned area. Councilor Herak reviewed other events in Northwest Indiana that provide similar offerings. A discussion ensued between and among the council as to the ways and means that the Town would accomplish this feat, if the Town Council was so obliged. Councilor Vassar reviewed his concerns about safety and the stress this would put onto the public safety resources.
7. The Town Council discussed the potential for sale of beer at Sharp Athletic Conference and during the Park Concert Series. Councilor Vassar inquired as to whom had initiated this topic. Councilor Herak indicated that it had been discussed by members of the Park Board. A discussion took place between and among the Town Council as to the pros and cons of such an offering. The Town Council indicated that they must see more information with regard to potential revenues, expenses, and regulations on this matter.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council of **Monday, June 3, 2013**, was adjourned at 8:05 o'clock p.m.

Katy Dowling, IAMC/CMC/CPFIM
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer